

February 15, 2006

NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT

A public hearing was held at the Newport High School on February 14, 2006, at 6:45 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Newport Independent School Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 15-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan.

John Sowinsky, Assistant Superintendent, served as the district-appointed hearing officer. There were two (2) individuals in attendance: Sandy Clift, recording secretary, and Scott Draud, high school principal.

COMMENTS

Mr. Sowinsky called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations would be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **the construction of a new elementary school, major renovation to A.D. Owens Elementary, Mildred Dean Elementary and Newport Middle School new and old sections and the Central Office. Also added was installing active boards in all the schools, construction of a central storage facility and a bus garage wash bay. Discretionary projects included sidewalk repair, window repair, replacement of corridor carpet and a new ceiling in the cafeteria at the Middle School, re-surfacing and striping in parking lots and the play area, roof replacement, doors & hardware, anti-microbial carpet replacement in locker rooms, and HVAC replacement at the High School, renovate athletic facility to include six lane running track and synthetic turf for football stadium. Also, discretionary projects would include renovation to include site development, parking lots and play area, paving and striping, window and fencing at Fourth Street Elementary School.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No comments were made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Newport Independent Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Newport Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Newport Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

John Sowinsky, Assistant Superintendent

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